1	2	3	4	5
20	Sikkim	33	0	1
21	Tamil Nadu	4313	140	10
22	Tripura	216	8	2
23	Uttar Pradesh	*	*	*
24	Uttaranchal	2445	34	6
25	West Bengal	995	102	6
	Union Territories:			
1	A & N Islands	24	3	0
2	Chandigarh	6	0	0
3	D&N Haveli	4	0	1
4	Daman & Diu	6	0	0
5	Lakshadweep	4	0	0
6	Pondicherry	*	*	*

Note:*Information unavailable at present.

Gram Panchayat prize money

1102. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether best Gram Panchayat Award was declare for Devsar (Tehsil Gandevi, Distt. Navsari) and Thamma (Distt. Anand) villages of Gujarat in the year 2004;

(b) whether consolation prizes of Rs. 10 lakhs to each Gram Panchayat mentioned above was also declared and payment of the amount has not been made till date;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the concerned Gram Panchayats for payment of the dues; and

(d) the action taken for early payment so as to enable the Gram Panchayats to take up development works?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir, not by the Government of India.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.

Uniformity in panchayats

1103. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has initiated a major step to bring in uniformity in the functioning and structures of panchayats across the country:

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) whether Government have organized any mega conferences during the last three years of non-political players active in different States on social issues especially on panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ministry of Panchayati Raj have not requested any State Government to bring uniformity in the functioning and structure of Panchayats across the country. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 provides broad framework to the States to enact their own Panchayati Raj Act. However, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj persuades the State Governments to follow the best practices from other States keeping in view their own requirements.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj convened seven Round Table Conferences with the State Ministers in charge of Panchayati Raj between July, 2004 and December, 2004. A set of 150 action points were evolved by consensus and adopted unanimously at the conclusion of the last Round Table in Jaipur in December, 2004. Consultative mechanisms have been set up by the Government of India and State Governmens to follows up the Round Table Conferences which comprise a Council of State Ministers of Panchayati Raj under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and a Committee of Chief Secretaries of States and State Panchayati Raj Secretaries under the Chairmanship of the Union Secretary (Panchayati Raj). Seven meetings of State Secretaries of Panchayati Raj have been held between April, 2005 and September, 2006 and two meetings